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THE HEDGEHOG

SCANT MOMENTS AGO, DR. EGGMAN BROUGHT SEVERAL ATTRACTIONS TO LIFE AT THE **WORLD'S FAIR IN PARIS, FRANCE**, CAUSING THE CROWDS TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

IT WAS ALL PART OF HIS SCHEME TO **STEAL THE NEW THORNDYKE INDUSTRIES SPACE SHUTTLE** THAT WAS BEING INTRODUCED TO THE PUBLIC.



NELSON AND LINDSEY THORNDYKE FLEW THEIR SON **CHRIS** AND HIS FRIENDS TO PARIS TO CELEBRATE THEIR SON'S BIRTHDAY AND SO THEY COULD SEE THE UNVEILING OF THE SHUTTLE.

WHERE DID CHRIS GO?



CHRIS, THORNDYKE FAMILY BUTLER MR. TANAKA, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AMY ROSE (ALSO A HEDGEHOG, FOR THOSE KEEPING TRACK), TAILS THE FOX, GOVERNMENT AGENTS TOPAZ & ROUGE THE BAT, AND BIG THE CAT, CHASED DR. EGGMAN INTO THE HALL OF MIRRORS.



THANK GOODNESS WE LOST THAT **BIG, DUMB CAT!**

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE PUNCHES THE BOSS IN THE NOSE AGAIN!

FEAH NOD! I STILL BUND A CUPPL SIRPRIZES UP MI SLIV!

OR HE PUNCHES ONE OF US!



PRESS

HUMP



SIRPRIZZES!
SIRPRIZZES UP
MU SLIV!

AND WITH THE PRESS OF A BUTTON,
DR. EGGMAN BRINGS THE
SCRAMBLER RIDE TO LIFE, HIS EVIL
DEVICES CAUSING IT TO GROW TO
MONSTROUS PROPORTIONS!

AS DR. EGGMAN SET HIS
SIRPRIZZES...*er...*SURPRISES, INTO
MOTION, SONIC SEARCHES FOR THE
ROTUND RAPSCALLION...



I CAN'T
TELL WHAT'S
REAL AND
WHAT'S A
REFLECTION
IN HERE!



EGGMAN!

GIVE UP NOW
AND SAVE YOURSELF
SOME PAIN!



ALL RIGHT! IF
YOU WANT A
FIGHT, I'LL GIVE
YOU A FIGHT!

...
MUST NOT
ALLOW MASTER
TO BE HARNED!
...



...
THE BLUE
ONE MUST BE
DESTROYED!
...

THIS MYSTERIOUS STRANGER FOLLOWED AGENTS
ROUGE AND TOPAZ FROM STATION SQUARE TO PARIS.
WHO IS HE? WHAT DOES HE WANT?

EVEN HE DOESN'T KNOW, BUT
WHEN HE SAW DR. EGGMAN FOR
THE FIRST TIME, HE KNEW HE
HAD TO PROTECT HIS "MASTER"
AT ALL COSTS.



SO WHO CAN SAVE
SONIC NOW?

AND WHY ARE WE
ASKING YOU?

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I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT!

IT WAS JUST A REFLECTION OF EGGMAN!



... MUST PROTECT MASTER ...

... MUST PROTECT SELF ...

NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT EGGMAN! I'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS THING!



SONIC LAUNCHES INTO *SUPERSPIN*, ATTACKING THE LEG OF THE ANIMATED SCRAMBLER.

... PROCESSING OPPONENT'S ABILITIES ...



KLANG!



KRASH!

AMY! HOLD ON!

THANKS, TAILS!



KRASH!

THIS WOULD BE EASIER IF YOU LOST SOME WEIGHT, TOPAZ!

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SNIDE, ROWREY!

KRASH!

LOOK OUT, FROBBY!

RIBBIT!

HOOK!

IT'S NOT NICE TO PICK ON SMALL FRY'S!

NOW WE GED OULDA HERE AND GED DA SPASHE SHUDDLE WHILE EVURYUNN ID DIDTRACTED.

WHAT?

I SEHD, AHND I QUODE:

"NOW WE GET OUT OF HERE AND GET THE SPACE SHUTTLE WHILE EVERYONE IS DISTRACTED!"

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY SO?

YAY! COTTON CANDY!

RUN AWAY! RUN AWAY!

RUN AWAY FROM THESE NASTY OFFENCES!



TAILS!
LOOK
OUT!



THANKS,
AMY.

JUST
RETURNING
THE FAVOR.



SONIC!
WHERE DID
THE OTHERS
GO?

I DON'T
KNOW. I HAVEN'T
SEEN ANYONE
ELSE.



MASTER
CHRIS, ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

MASTER
CHRIS!



PLEASE,
MASTER CHRIS
YOU MUST
WAKE UP!



MR. TANAKA?

MASTER CHRIS! YOU ARE ALL RIGHT! THANK THE SPIRITS OF OUR ANCESTORS!



WHAT HAPPENED?

ONE OF EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED THE HALL OF MIRRORS.

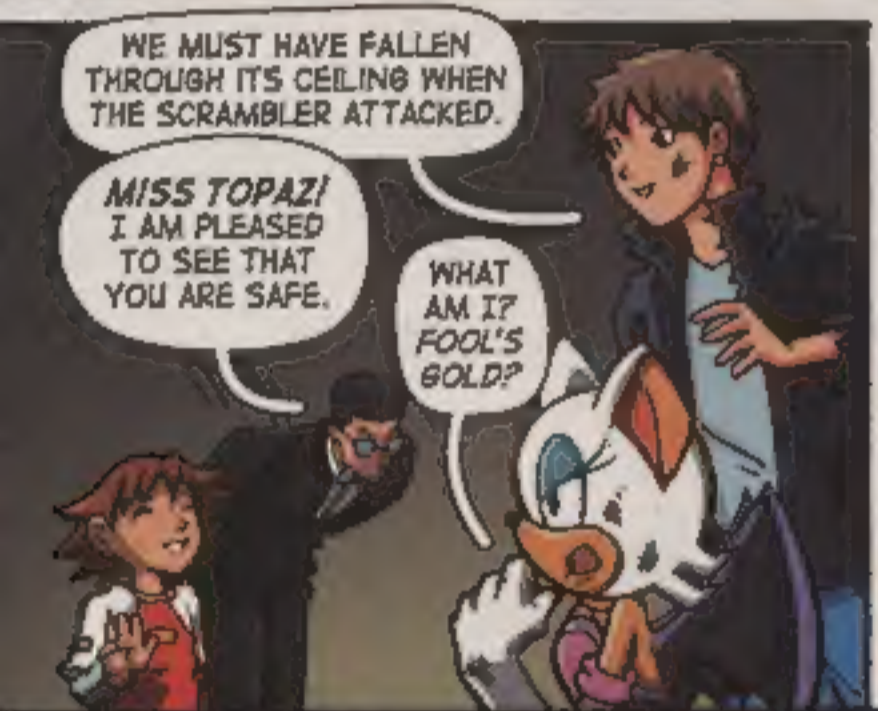


WHERE ARE WE?

AND WHAT'S THAT TERRIBLE SMELL?

DON'T LOOK AT ME!

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN THE OLD SEWER UNDER PARIS.



WE MUST HAVE FALLEN THROUGH ITS CEILING WHEN THE SCRAMBLER ATTACKED.

MISS TOPAZI! I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT YOU ARE SAFE.

WHAT AM I? FOOL'S GOLD?



HI, EVERYBODY.

HI, BIG. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE.

SHOULDN'T WE BE CONCENTRATING ON GETTING OUT OF HERE?



THE CEILING CAVED IN. I DON'T SEE A WAY OUT.

ANY IDEAS?

LET'S YELL. MAYBE SOMEONE WILL HEAR US.



HELP!

IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE BELOW US.

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE SCRAMBLER ATTACKS AGAIN.



GIMME A RING, TAILS.

YOU GOT IT, SONIC!



I'LL PLOW THROUGH THE RUBBLE. YOU GUYS HELP THE OTHERS OUT.

...
PROCESSING
NEW DATA
ABOUT
ADVERSARY
...



...
RING PROVIDES
ADVERSARY WITH
ADDITIONAL
POWER
...



SONIC!

PEEEJUU!
IT STINKS
DOWN HERE.

AMY AND
TAILS WILL
HELP YOU
GET OUT OF
THIS HOLE.



I'M GONNA
DEAL WITH THE
SCRAMBLER!



...
ADVERSARY POSES
GREATER THREAT
TO MASTER WHEN
IN POSSESSION
OF RING
...

GO GET
'EM,
GUYS!

...
ADVERSARY
CAN FLY
...
DUPLICATING
ADVERSARY'S
ABILITIES NOW
...

...
MUST TAKE RING
FROM ADVERSARY
...

...
MUST NOT
ALLOW ANY
HARM TO COME
TO MASTER
...

...
THIS DEVICE POSES
IMMEDIATE THREAT
TO MASTER
...

...
MUST DEAL WITH
BLUE ONE LATER
...

NHEE NHEE
NHEE NHEE!

THE SHUDDLE
IS AHS GUHD
AHS MEYENNI!

WHAT DID
HE SAY?

DON'T
ASK—JUST
RUN!

YUM!
YUM!
YUM!



YOU'RE TOO BIG A BUG TO STEP ON!

KLANG!



... MIMICKING BLUE ONE'S ABILITIES

... TO DEFEAT BLUE ONE, MUST OBSERVE AND REPLICATE ALL OF HIS ABILITIES



AS THE BATTLE RAGES ABOVE, TAILS AND AMY ARRIVE IN THE SEWER BELOW.

TAILS! AMY! ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU!

BOY! IT STINKS DOWN HERE

I BLAME THE HUMANS.

THEY NEVER SMELLED THIS BAD ON OUR WORLD



COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE ROOF COLLAPSES ON OUR HEADS!



WHAT ABOUT FROGGY AND ME?

WE'LL COME BACK FOR YOU!



IF I HAVE TO KEEP CARRYING YOU TO SAFETY, YOU HAVE TO GO ON A DIET!



SONIC'S RIPPING THAT THING'S LEG OFF.

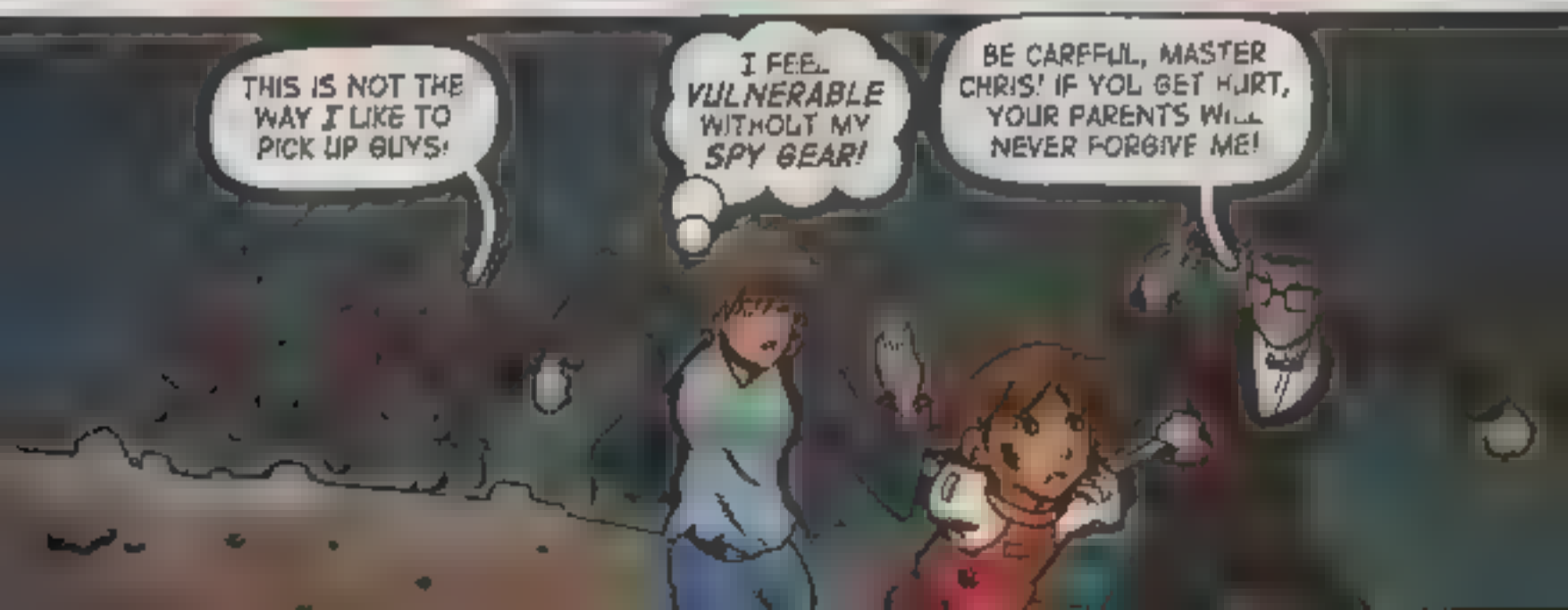
YOU GUYS BETTER RUN FOR COVER

WHEN THAT THING FALLS, IT'S GONNA FALL HARD AND TAKE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE HALL OF MIRRORS WITH IT!



BACK FOR BIG AND FROGGY!

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ALL THREE OF US TO LIFT THEM OUT OF THERE!



THIS IS NOT THE WAY I LIKE TO PICK UP GUYS!

I FEEL VULNERABLE WITHOUT MY SPY GEAR!

BE CAREFUL, MASTER CHRIS! IF YOU GET HURT, YOUR PARENTS WILL NEVER FORGIVE ME!

IT FEELS LIKE THE RING'S POWER IS WEARING OFF!

I'VE GOT TO WRAP THIS UP FAST!

... BLUE ONE IS STRONGER THAN I ...
RING AMPLIFIES HIS STRENGTH ...
WHERE DOES TWO-TAILED ONE GET RINGS?

COME ON, EVERYBODY! LIFT!

WE'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH!

THAT'S OKAY, GUYS. YOU CAN LEAVE ME HERE.

FROGGY AND I WILL THINK OF SOMETHING!

RIBBIT!

FROGGY!
YOU GOING?!

RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!

WHOA!

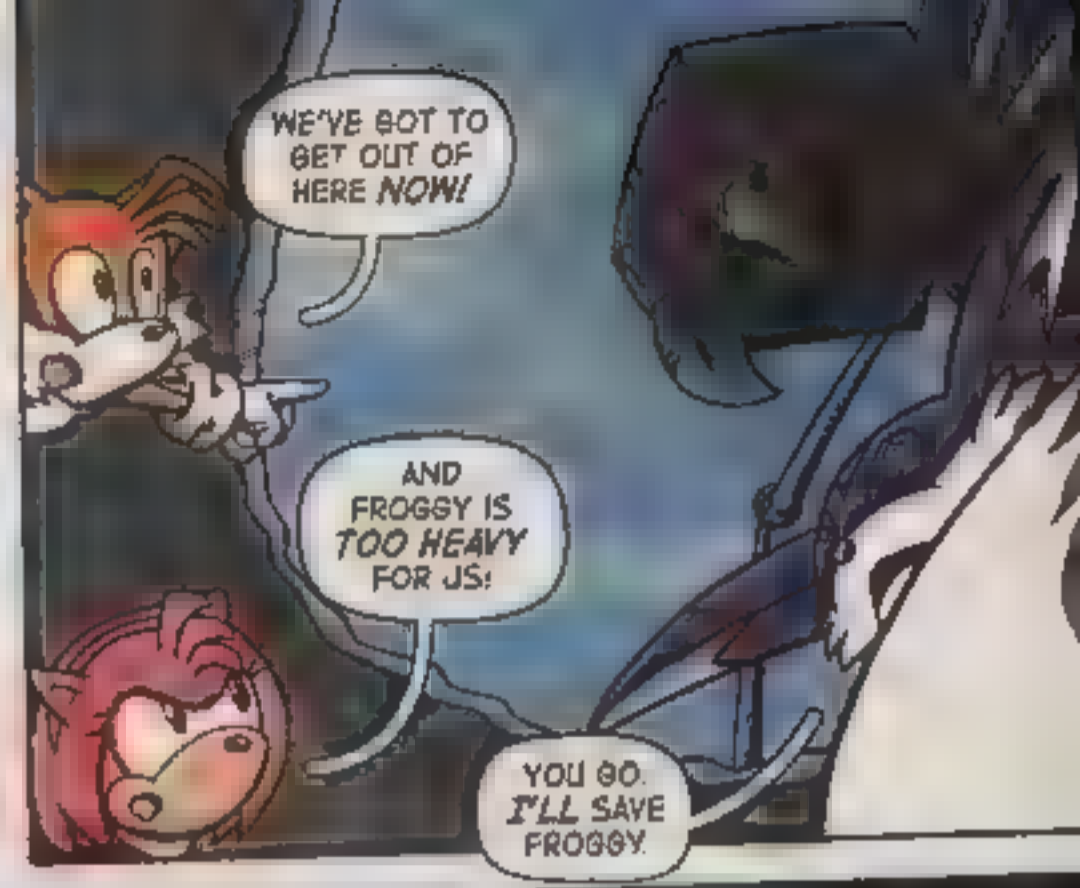
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS THE FROB WHO WAS SO HEAVY?

WHAT ABOUT FROGGY?



HOPEFULLY HE CAN FIND HIS OWN WAY OUT

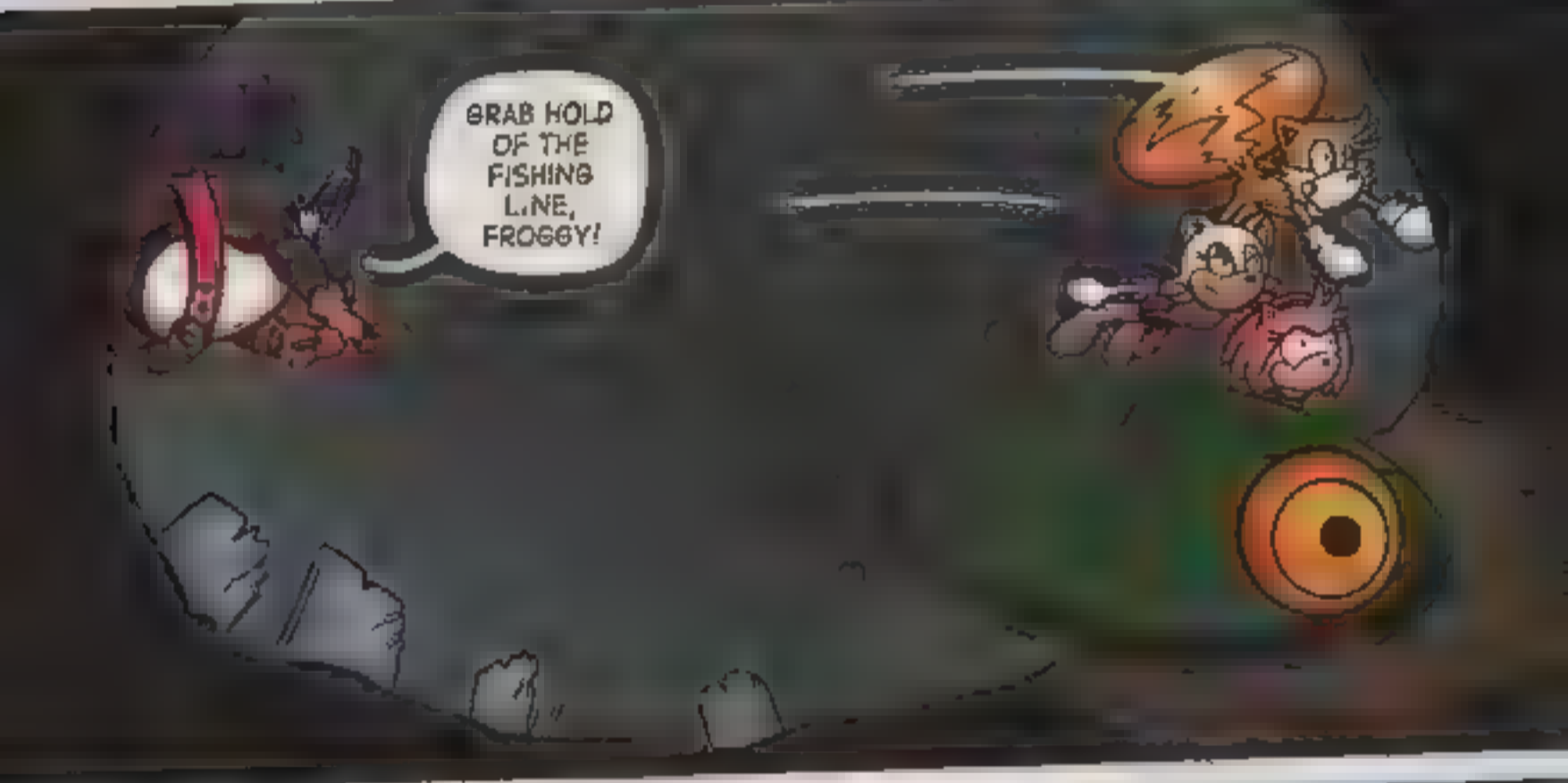
I WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT HIM!



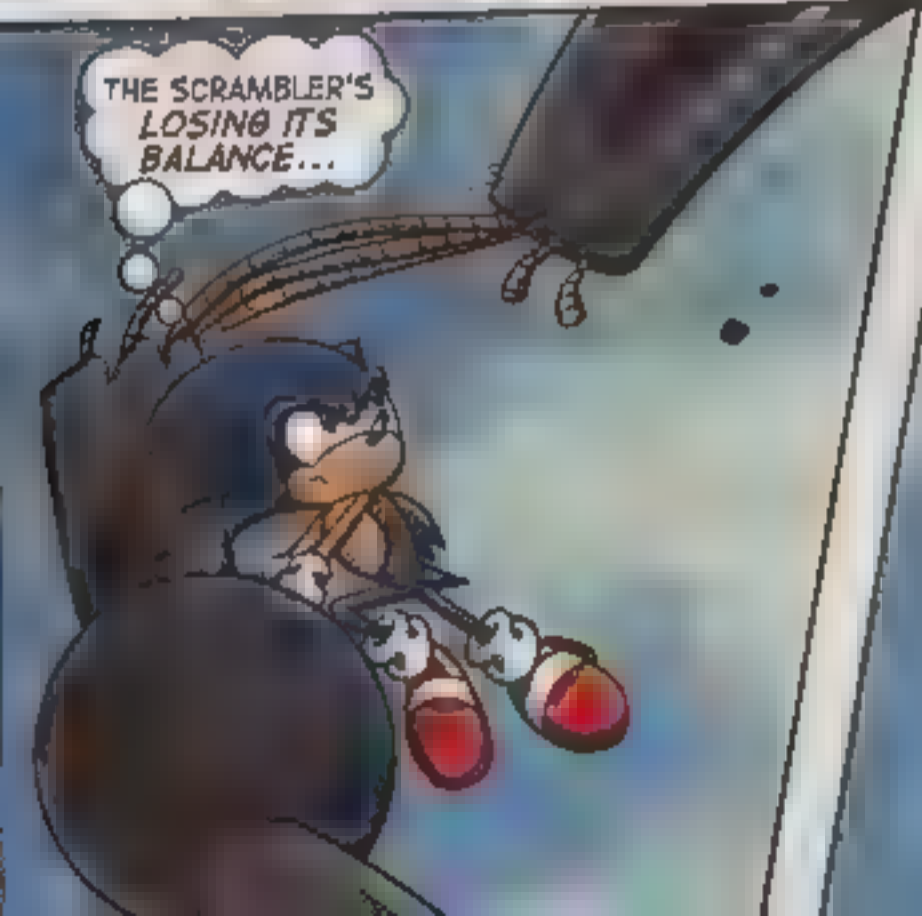
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW!

AND FROGGY IS TOO HEAVY FOR US!

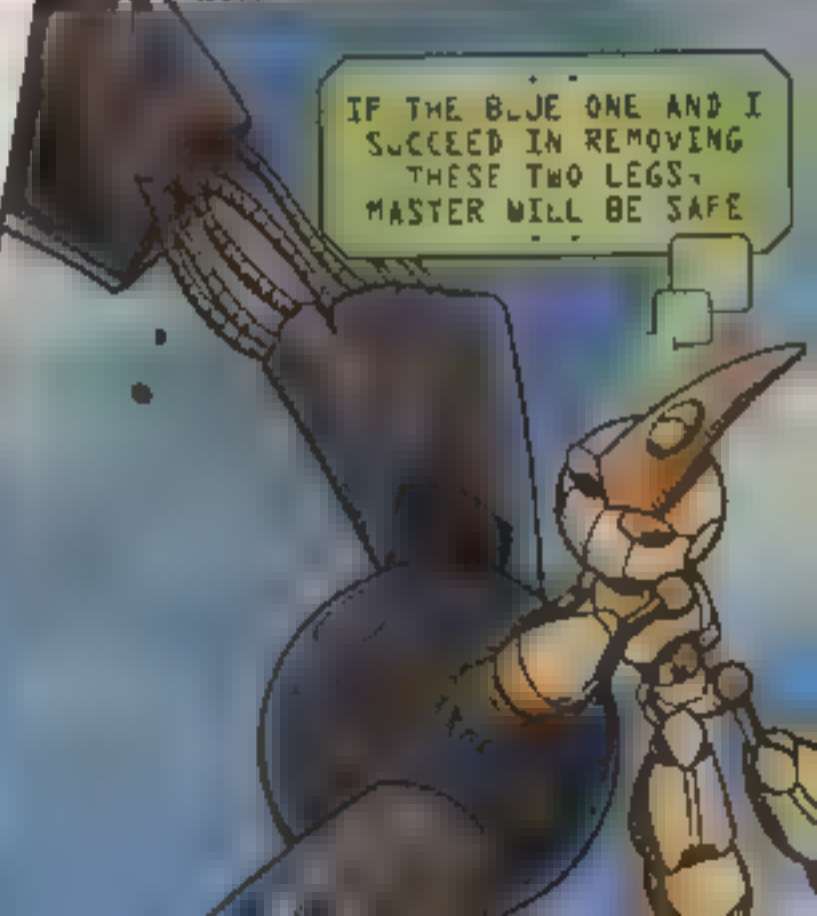
YOU GO. I'LL SAVE FROGGY.



GRAB HOLD OF THE FISHING LINE, FROGGY!



THE SCRAMBLER'S LOSING ITS BALANCE...



IF THE BLUE ONE AND I SUCCEED IN REMOVING THESE TWO LEGS, MASTER WILL BE SAFE

ELSEWHERE, DR. EGGMAN AND HIS M.NIONS ARE WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THEIR ULTIMATE GOAL.

THERE IS IZZ! MUH ULTIMATT BUHL!

WHAT DID HE SAY?

HEH HEH. READ THE CAPTION BOX, DECOE.

CAPTION BOX? WHAT IS BOKKUN TALKING ABOUT,

IGNORE HIM HE'S HAD TOO ~~AND HE'S~~ AND HE'S IMAGINING THINGS.

BUT BEFORE THEY CAN GET TO THE SHUTTLE, THE THORNDYKES, CREAM, AND CHEESE STEP OUT OF H'DING!

STOP RIGHT THERE!

WHAT DO YOL THINK YOU'RE DOING?

BAH! I'M GOING TO TAKE THE SHUTTLE AND YOU CAN'T STOP ME!

WHAT?

WHY IS DR. EGGMAN SPEAKING THAT WAY?

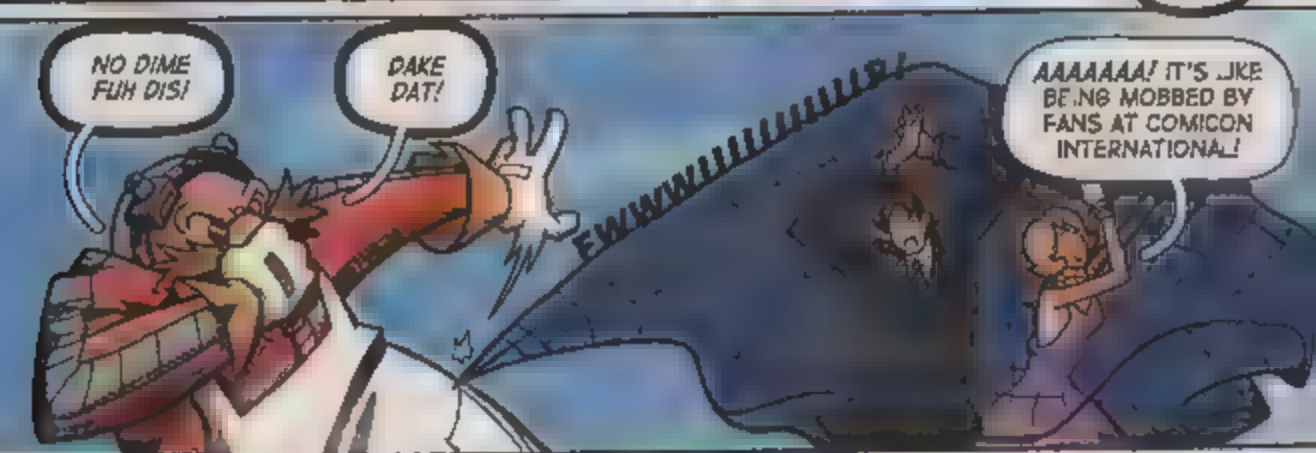
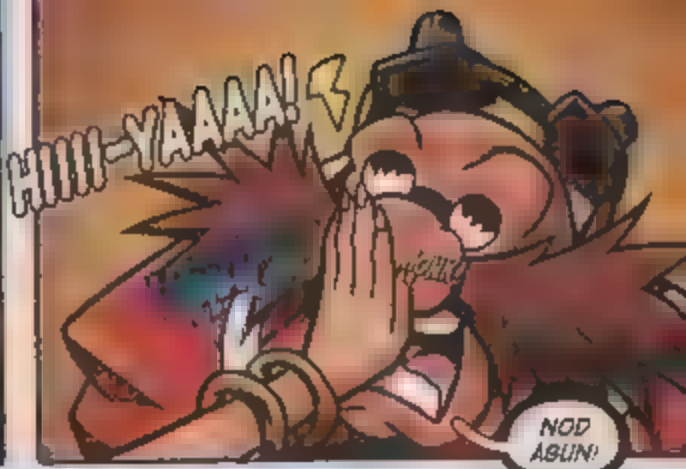
WHEEEEE! HE WAS PUNCHED IN THE NOSE BY A GIANT CAT.

NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US, ~~WE'RE GOING~~ TO STEAL THE SHUTTLE.

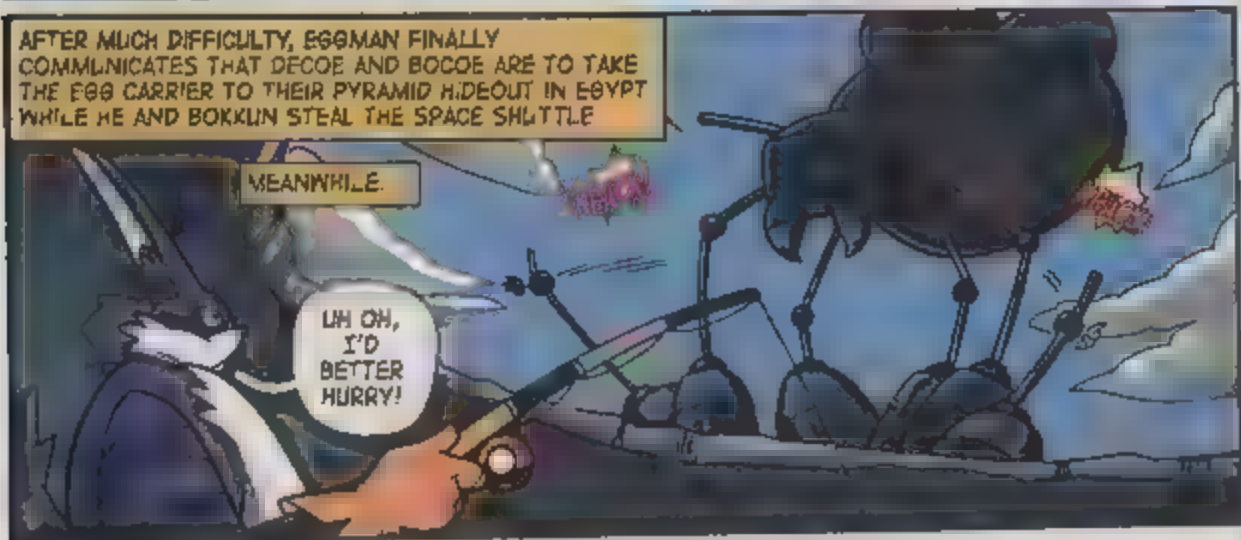
NO, I WON'T EXCUSE YOU!

STAND BACK OR I'LL PUNCH YOU IN THE NOSE MYSELF!

UH, LINDSEY, DEAR—THAT'S NOT ONE OF YOUR ACTION MOVIES!



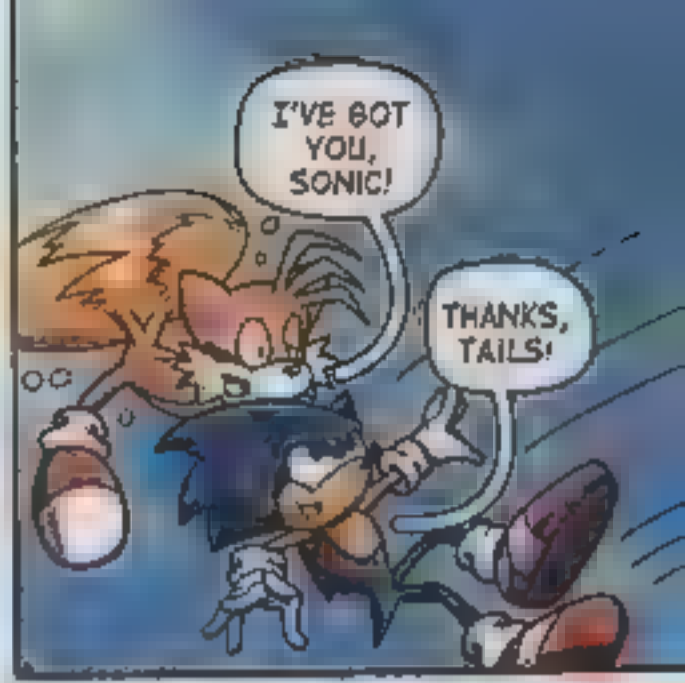
AFTER MUCH DIFFICULTY, EGGMAN FINALLY COMMUNICATES THAT DECOE AND BOCOE ARE TO TAKE THE EGG CARRIER TO THEIR PYRAMID HIDEOUT IN EGYPT WHILE HE AND BOKKUN STEAL THE SPACE SHUTTLE





YIKES!
I'M LOSING
MY GRIP!

...
WITHDRAW
...
PROTECT
SELF
...



I'VE GOT
YOU,
SONIC!

THANKS,
TAILS!



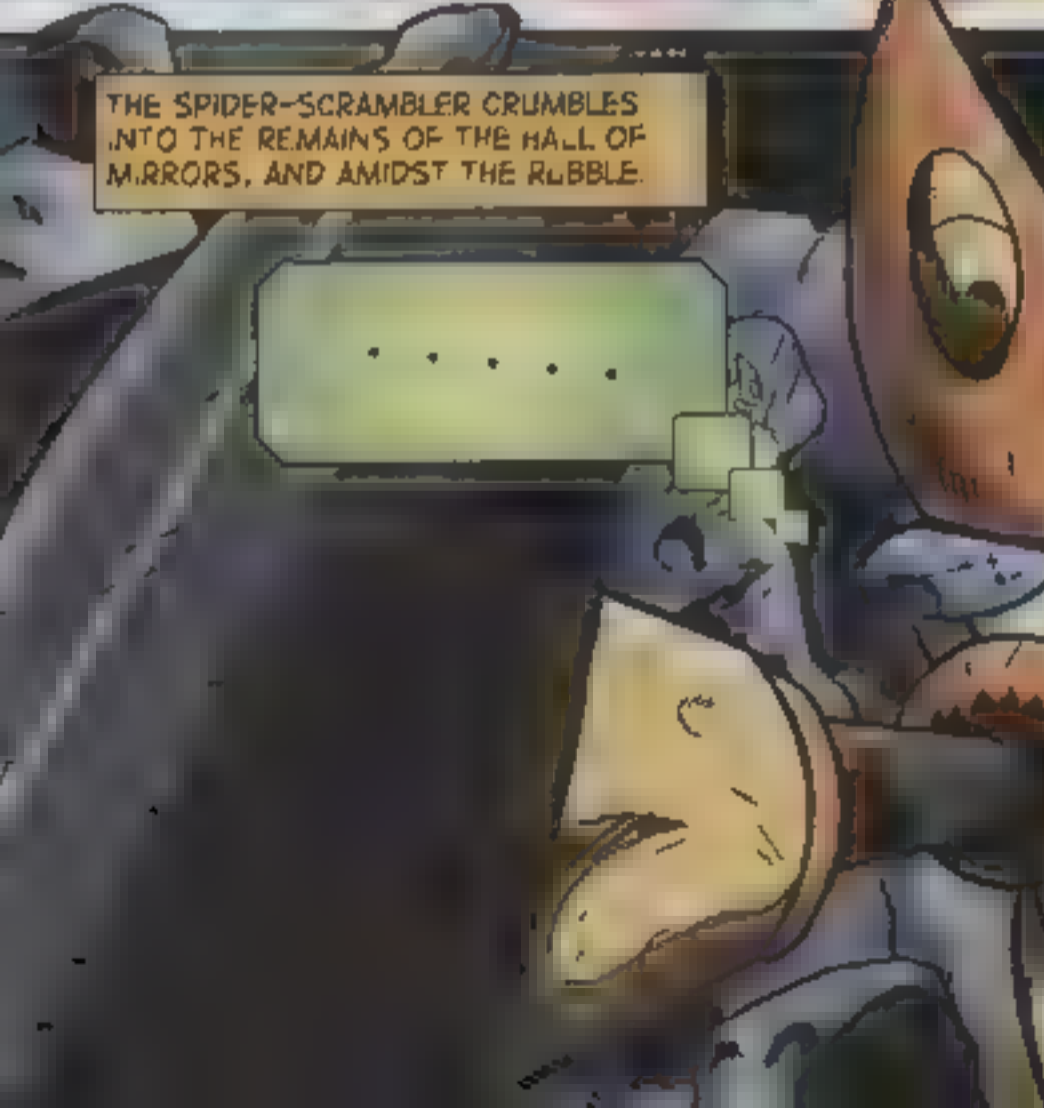
FROGGY!
I SAVED
YOU!

RIBBIT!



KETHUD!

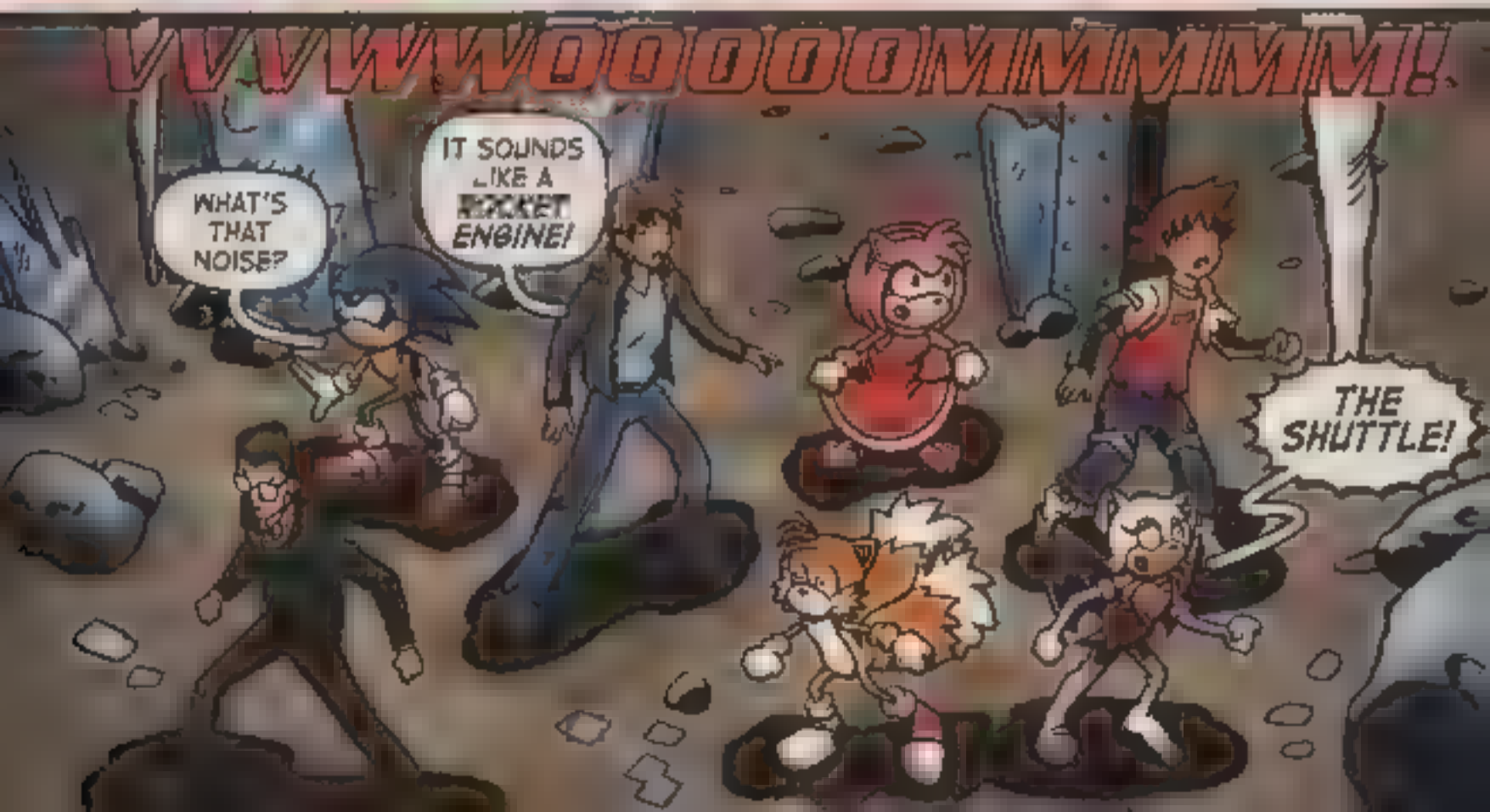
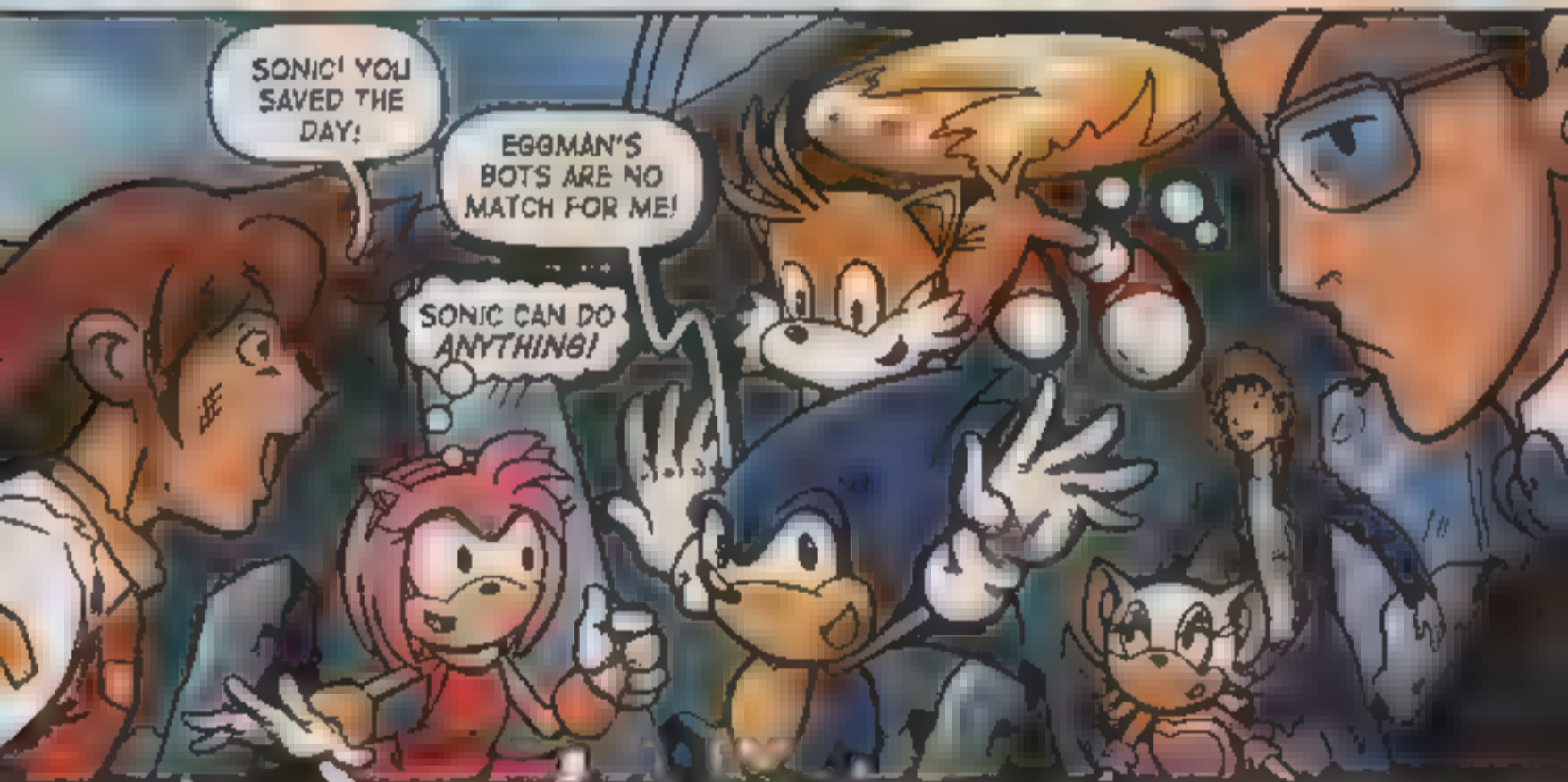
WE BETTER
GET OUTTA
HERE!

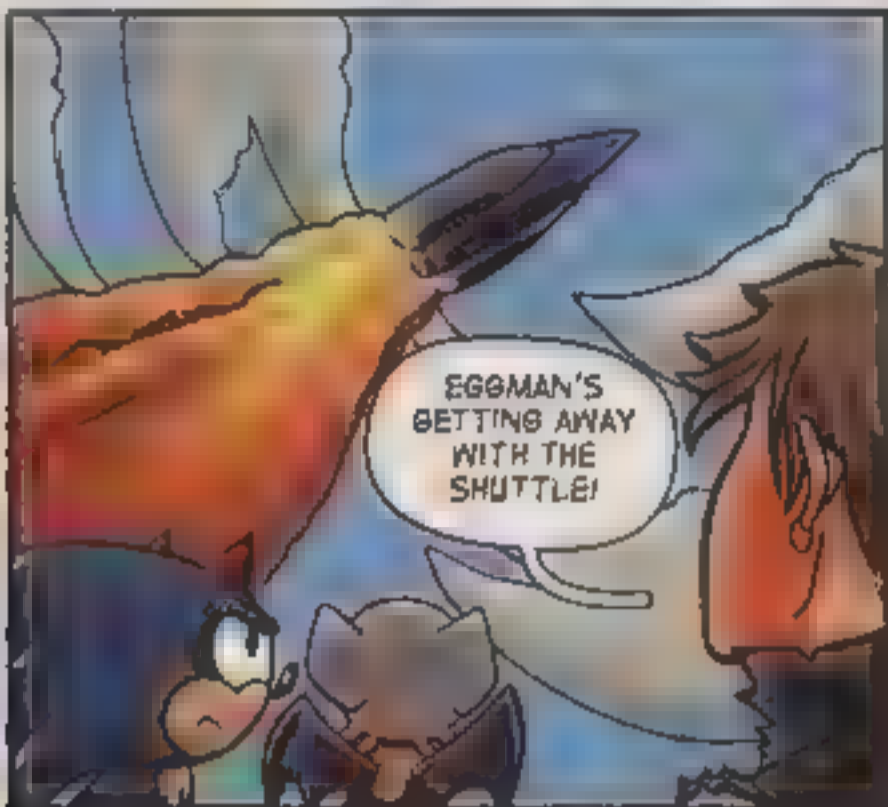


THE SPIDER-SCRAMBLER CRUMBLES
INTO THE REMAINS OF THE HALL OF
MIRRORS, AND AMIDST THE RUBBLE.

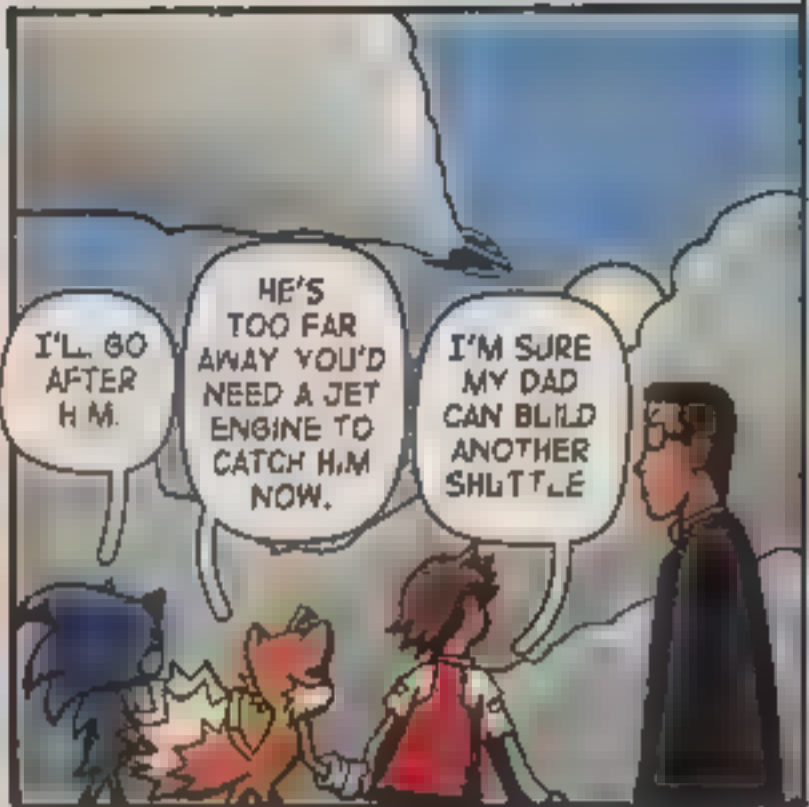
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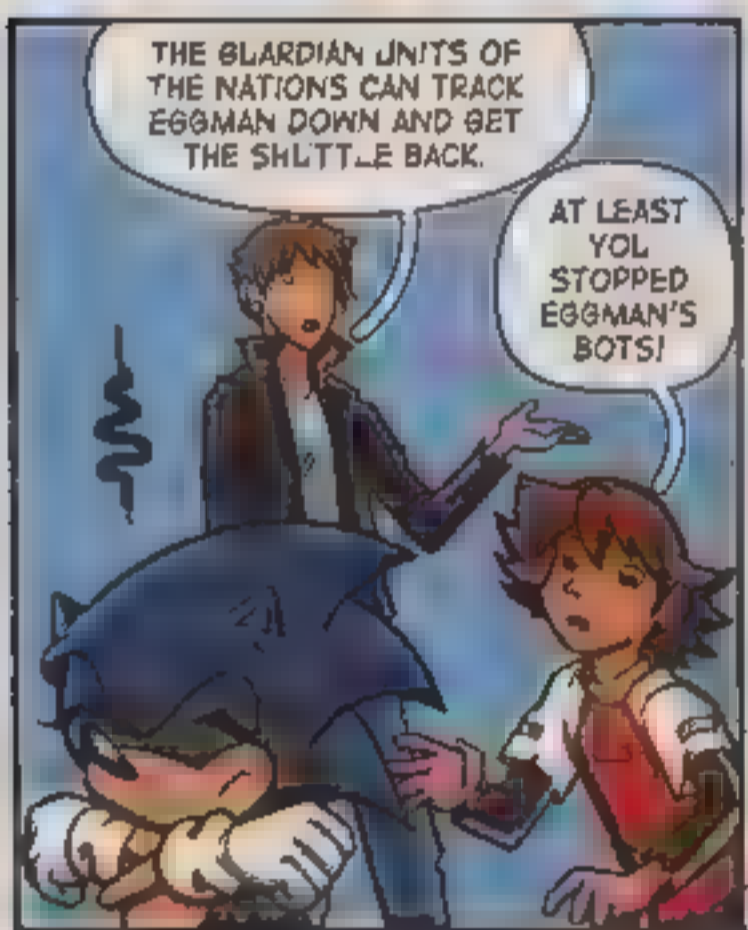
EGGMAN'S GETTING AWAY WITH THE SHUTTLE!



I'LL GO AFTER HIM.

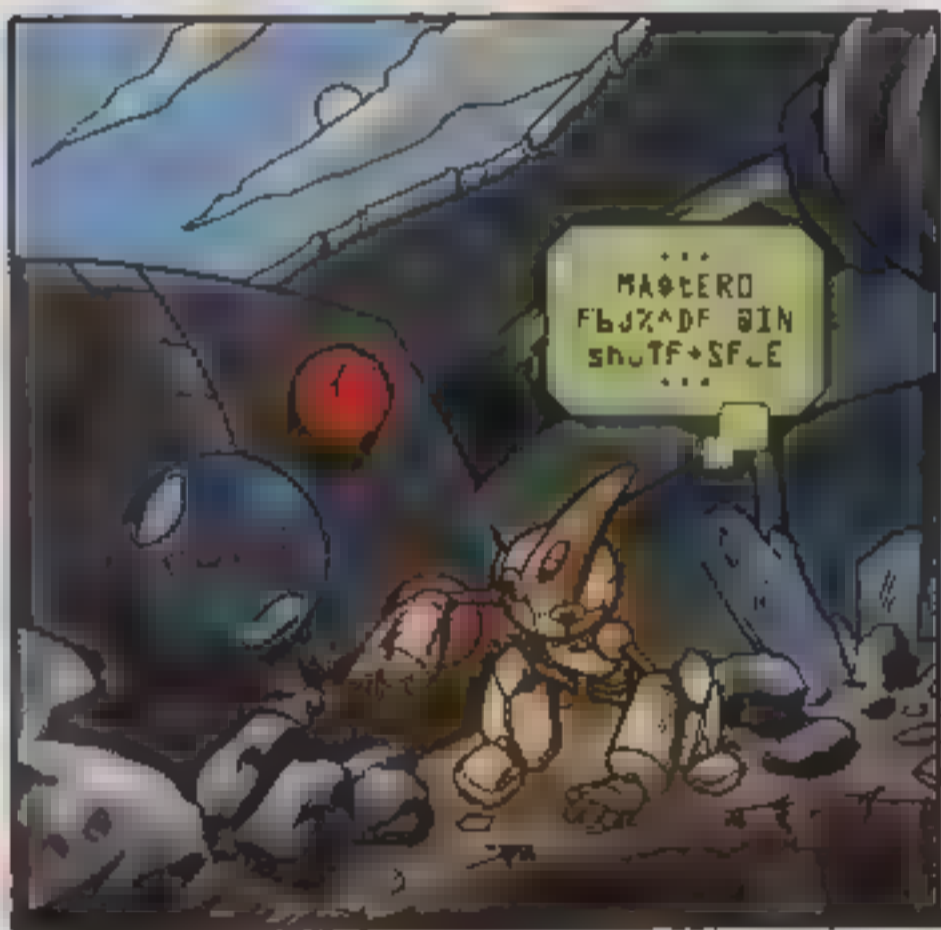
HE'S TOO FAR AWAY YOU'D NEED A JET ENGINE TO CATCH HIM NOW.

I'M SURE MY DAD CAN BUILD ANOTHER SHUTTLE

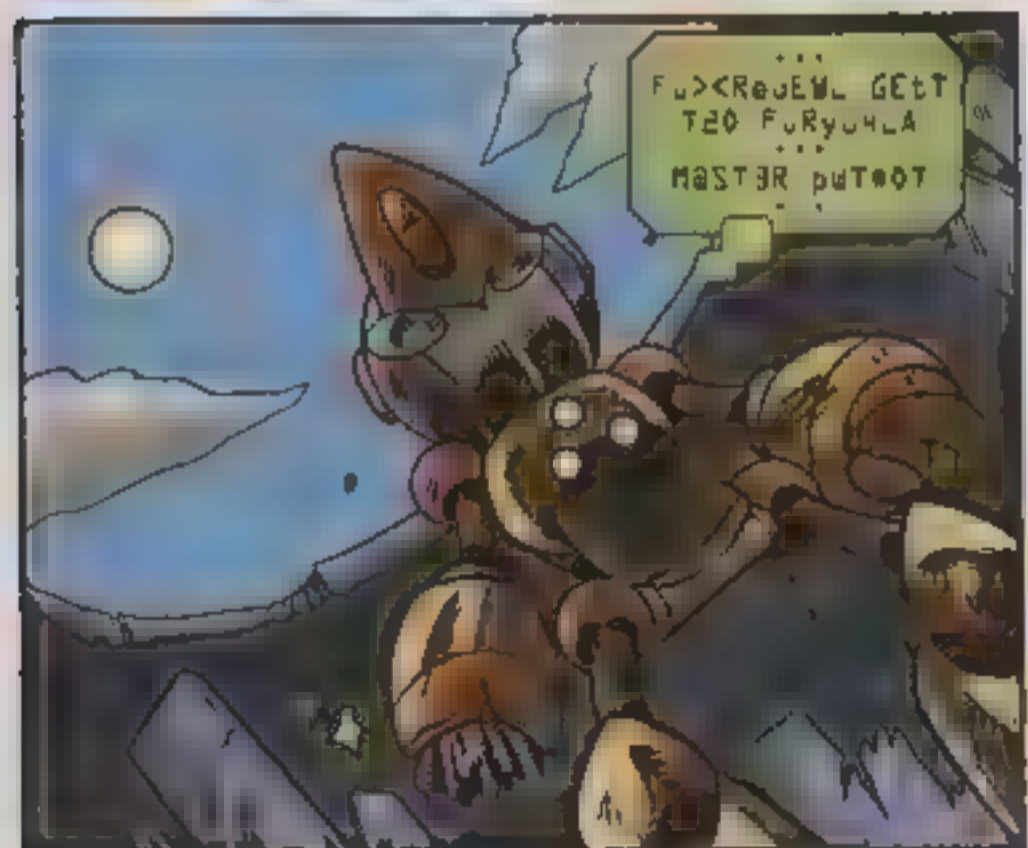


THE BLARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS CAN TRACK EGGMAN DOWN AND GET THE SHUTTLE BACK.

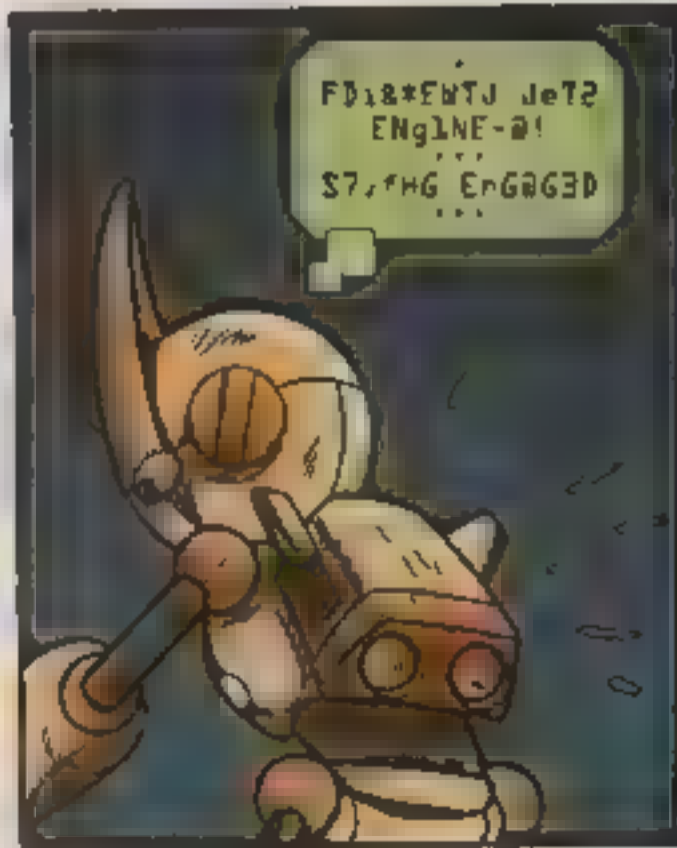
AT LEAST YOU STOPPED EGGMAN'S BOTS!



... MASTERD FBYXADF BIN SHUTFL+SFLE ...



... FUYKREJEML GETT TEO FURYUHLA MASTER puT00T



FD18*EWTJ Jet2 ENgINE-0! S7,PHG ENGAGED

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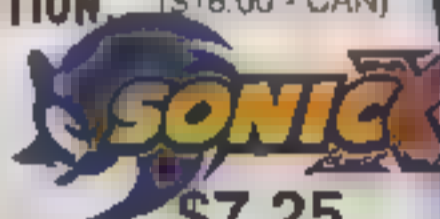
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... MaS H4rTFH T3Rzzz!
...



THUNK!

... ENeR64 JuVYU90
SuP
... pLIE* Fbko9*dG
... KRITICaL
...



WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?

YOU'RE IMMAHGINING THIHNGS, BOKKUHN.



... *h3Lp%)0*(Me!
...



... DoCTDR rOB0tN1K
... *AVE ME!
...

HEY! WHY DID THAT THING CALL YOU "DR. ROBOTNIK?"

WHAT IS IT? WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

UH DUN'T KNOW, BURKOOON!

BLIND WHEN WE BEHD DO EGYPD, UH WILL DISMANDLE ID AND FIND OUD WHUD ID IZ...



...AHND HOW UH CANN UZE ID AGAINDT DONICK!
NHLI HU HU HU HU HU HU HU HU HU!

BACK AT THE
WORLD'S FAIR...

DO YOU FEEL
THE EARTH
MOVING?

THIS
CAN'T BE
GOOD
NEWS.

SOMETHING'S
WRONG!

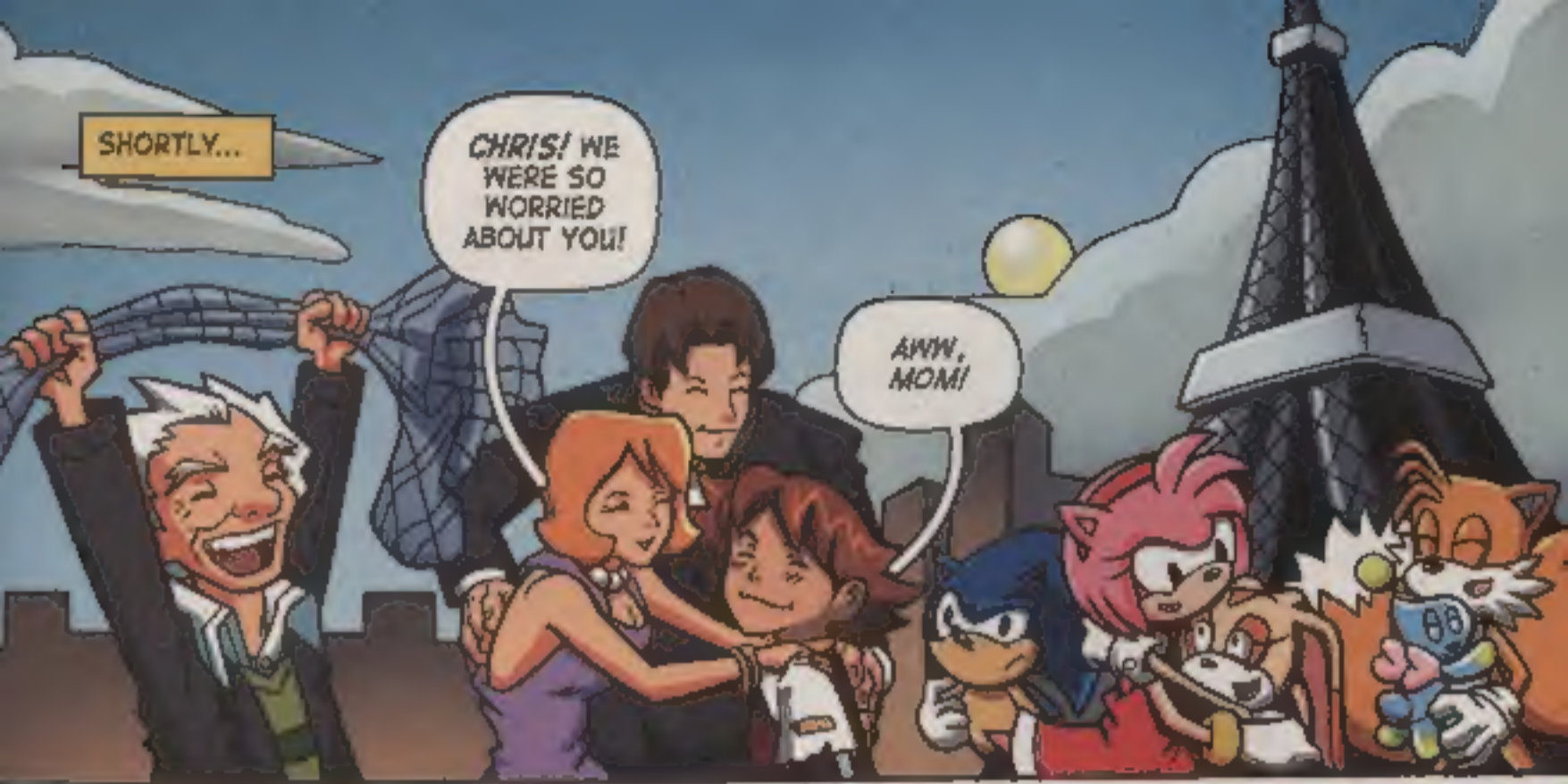
KRAASH!

WHOA!

THE
SCRAMBLER'S
FALLING INTO
THE SEWER!

THANK
GOODNESS
NO ONE
WAS LEFT
DOWN
THERE!

C'MON, GUYS!
WE'VE GOT TO
FIND MY MOM
AND DAD AND
MAKE SURE
THEY'RE OKAY!



SHORTLY...

CHRIS! WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

AWW, MOM!

AS THE HAPPY REUNION CONTINUES, TOPAZ FINISHES HER REPORT TO CAPTAIN WESTWOOD AT G.U.N. H.Q. IN WASHINGTON, D.C....

...AND EGGMAN ESCAPED WITH THE THORNDYKE SHUTTLE.



THAT'S VERY DISAPPOINTING, AGENT TOPAZ. I'M SURE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE DISPLEASED WITH YOUR PERFORMANCE.



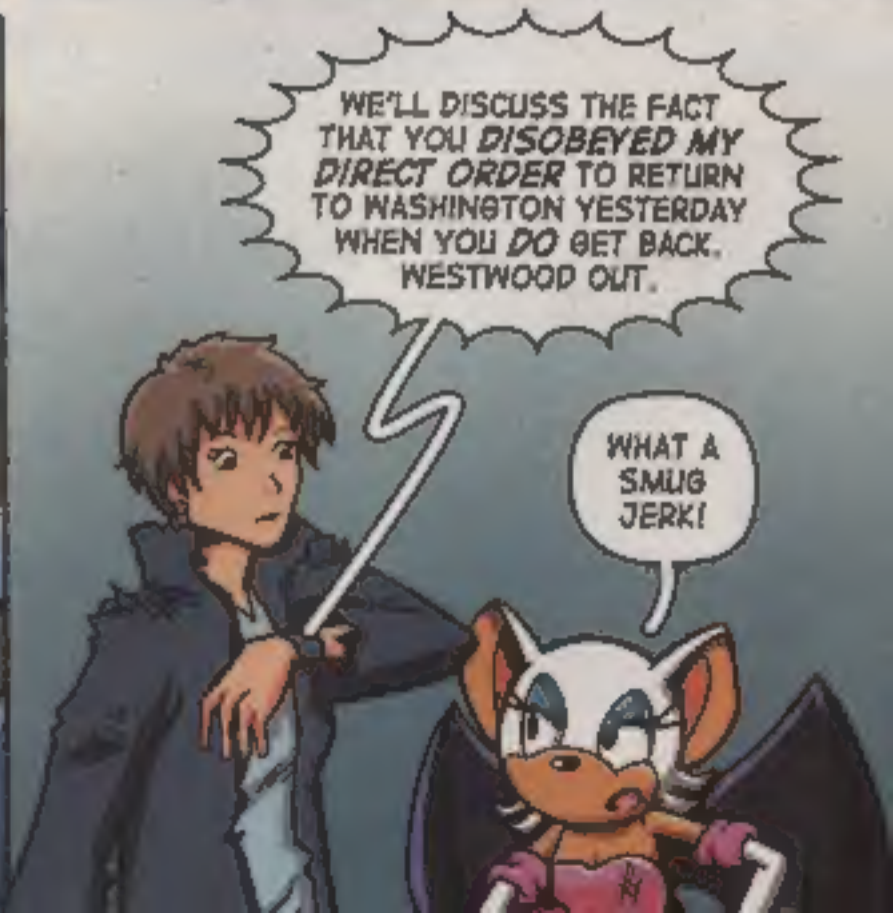
I, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE SECURED SOME VERY INTERESTING BLUEPRINTS FROM THAT LAB YOU AND ROUGE WERE SUPPOSED TO INVESTIGATE. I GUESS YOU OVERLOOKED THEM.

THAT'S ANOTHER FAILURE FOR YOU AND YOUR PARTNER.



WE'LL DISCUSS THE FACT THAT YOU DISOBEYED MY DIRECT ORDER TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON YESTERDAY WHEN YOU DO GET BACK. WESTWOOD OUT.

WHAT A SMUG JERK!



IT'S TOO BAD THAT EGGMAN GOT AWAY WITH MY SPACE SHUTTLE.

DO YOU THINK MR. THORNDYKE'S SPACE SHUTTLE MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN US BACK TO OUR HOME, AMY?

WE'LL NEVER KNOW.

CHAO!

I WAS GOING TO TAKE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS INTO ORBIT AS PART OF YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT. NOW I'LL HAVE TO BUILD ANOTHER SHUTTLE FOR YOU.

I KNOW YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF GOING INTO SPACE.

I'LL GET THERE SOONER OR LATER, DAD!

COUNT ON IT, BUDDY! SOME DAY I'LL TAKE YOU TO VISIT MY WORLD.

THEN WE'LL SEE SOME REAL EXCITEMENT!



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